Paper used for passports

2919. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of paper used for the Indian passports is not that of international standard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that visa stickers pasted on the passport by Embassies/High Commission leave a visible mark on the back side of the stickers due to adhesive ink used by Embassy/High Commission;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard so that passengers are not harassed by emigration authorities; and

(d) whether Government would also issue instructions/directions to the emigration authorities on this, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. The quality of paper used for Indian passports is of international standard. The quality, security and data features of Indian passports conform to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

(b) No, Sir. No such complaint has been received so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Persons involved in Mumbai blasts

2920. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan President has offered to cooperate with India in tracking persons involved in Mumbai blasts in local trains on 11th July, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governemnt have provided the details to Pakistan about all suspects involved in blasts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes. After the Mumbai train blasts on 11 July 2006, Pakistan President Musharraf in a speech on 20 July 2006